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Mr. William Colby, Director
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Dear Mr. Colby,

Today's Washington Post headlines from your communication the words, "Things Have Changed" at the CIA.

You do not say merely some things.

You say there has been a basic change, that the past has been outlived, that reform and honesty are the new way.

Under your directorship and within my experience this has not been true. My purpose in this letter is to give you, personally, an opportunity to make it more the reality than the claim and the headline.

Among the CIA intrusions into my life and rights there has been surveillance. Even after I told him I have copies and live witnesses, your general counsel denied this.

Has this change of which you boast extended to an abandonment of semantics?

Or to the filtering of what goes upward in the bureaucracy?

Since our meeting earlier this year there has been relevant published testimony and I have obtained information from other agencies. Both, inevitably, mean that with respect to intrusions into my rights, hurtful and improper.

At some point this will cease being a private matter, restricted to meetings and correspondence to which there has never been honest or meaningful response.

We share belief in the need for an effective intelligence agency in today's world.

We do not share belief in the meaningfulness of your headlined words.

I believe this letter gives you, personally, an opportunity to add meaning to your words by shaking your bureaucracy down and forcing it to come up with the full truth. You can do it and the proof is there.

If you do not make the effort and if you do not succeed your boasting of change is no more than propaganda.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg